

PRESERVE UPDATE

Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve

November 2014

NOTICE: There is no poop fairy!

Reminding all folks who bring their 4 legged best friend to hike in the Preserve that there is no poop fairy and cleaning up after and proper disposal of the bag is a personal responsibility. The side of the trail (no matter how short a time you think it will be there) is not proper disposal and is littering. An easy solution is a medium size black binder clip. Clip the used bag to the leash, part way between the leash holder and the dog. This way you can easily transport it to the closest trash receptacle without having to carry it along or put it away in your pack.



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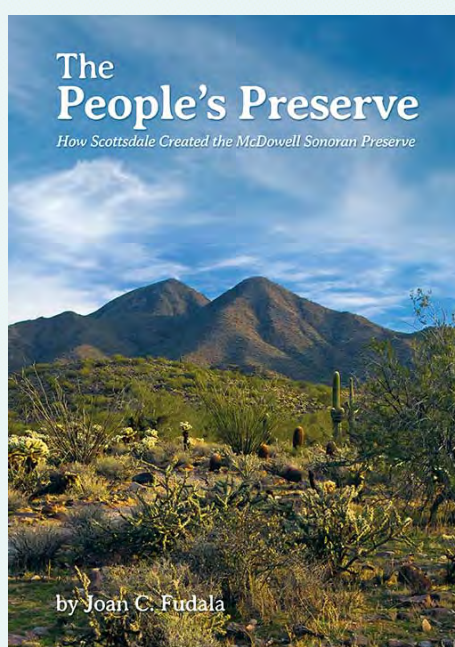
A new book documents how citizens created Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve

At more than 30,000 acres, Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve is among the largest urban preserves in the United States. Its majestic beauty is coveted by those seeking a slice of Sonoran desert silence among the hustle and bustle of modern living.

But it was never a sure thing.

The People's Preserve: How Scottsdale Created the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, tells the story of citizen groups, elected officials, outdoor enthusiasts, the hospitality industry, real estate developers, students and voters coming together to preserve a special slice of Scottsdale.

The book is available for purchase at ScottsdaleAZ.gov/preserve, with proceeds benefiting the preserve. Those who don't wish to buy a copy can download the text for free.



Community historian and author Joan Fudala interviewed nearly 50 community members, elected officials and preservation advocates, and scoured publications and records to write the book, which includes dozens of historic photographs. Fudala will hold two book signings in November where people can receive complimentary copies:

- **6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12**
Civic Center Library Auditorium (3839 N. Drinkwater Blvd.)
- **2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22**
Mustang Library Auditorium (10101 N. 90th St.)

Preparation underway for Resource Management Plan for the Scottsdale Preserve

The City of Scottsdale has initiated the process of preparing a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve. The RMP will strike a balance between public recreational access to the Preserve and protection of the natural and cultural resources found in the Preserve. It will include six sections covering a range of topics that include cultural resources, recreation, public safety, policies and guidelines, ecological resources, and land preservation.

Plans covering the majority of these topics have been in place for many years and have functioned well during the successful creation and expansion of the Preserve. Two of these sections are new and are in the process of being created – the Cultural Resource Master Plan, and the Ecological Resource Plan. The completed RMP address the progress we've made over the years, and will position the Preserve for the future. Public input will be an important part of the completion of the RMP, so watch for updates and notices.

Welcome Class of 2014 Crew Leaders!

In early November, Preserve Staff members Claire Miller, John Loleit and Yvonne Massman provided Crew Leader training for seven of our "regular" Construction and Maintenance Stewards. These seven will now join last year's class of seven to provide a total of 14 official Crew Leaders to assist with maintenance activities in the Preserve.

As the title implies, these Crew Leaders will assist in providing leadership to other volunteer crews during various maintenance project activities in the Preserve – and will be especially valuable when we host Corporate Work Days in the Preserve, or when city staff have schedule conflicts and can't attend a project due to other obligations.

The Crew Leaders are also able to generate and complete some of their own work projects, either independently, or with small groups.

Training topics included proper trimming techniques, trail mitigation, cactus salvage/transplanting, all aspects of trail maintenance, and safety/liability issues. Classroom instruction is then followed-up with activities in the field, to demonstrate their understanding of the techniques and concepts.



We welcome new Crew Leaders David Clavelle, Don Brockway, Evan Haft, Linda Kalbach, Roberta Williams, Sherrill Sigmen and Susan Jorgensen, who join last year's Crew Leaders Bob Gordon, Paul Staker, Dave Williams, John Altorfer, Kathy Ann Walsh, Joni Millavec and Dan Gruber. All of these individuals have spent countless hours working in the Preserve over the last several years, and we appreciate their willingness to step up to a leadership position. We want to thank them for their time and dedication to the Preserve maintenance effort!



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